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the 2021 Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop (ASLW) being held October 13-15 in New Orleans.

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The [American Institute of CPAs](#) (AICPA) encourages qualified students to apply for the 2021 [Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop](#) (ASLW) being held October 13-15 in New Orleans.

The annual workshop is an opportunity for ethnic minority college accounting students, as well as undeclared students with an interest in accounting, to strengthen their professional and networking skills and to increase their understanding of the career possibilities and benefits of earning the CPA credential, while at the same time bolstering the pipeline of minority members of the profession.

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communities and clients.

During the three-day program, students explore what it means to be a CPA, how their backgrounds and experience can add value to the profession and network with practicing CPAs. Sessions and panel discussions will cover an array of topics, including developing leadership skills and what to expect from the CPA exam. The event will run concurrently with the AICPA's Diversity Symposium.

The program is open to undergraduate majoring or interested in accounting and fifth year or 5th year or graduate accounting majors. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2021. Students accepted to the 2020 workshop, which was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, are being invited to this year's event and do not need to reapply.

“The accounting profession is committed to working toward expanding the number of ethnic minority CPAs,” said Crystal Cooke, the Association's director of diversity and inclusion. “ASLW is one of our efforts focused on pipeline, a critical area that the AICPA is undertaking to accomplish this important goal.”

The ASLW is funded by the [AICPA Foundation](#) and covers the cost of attendees' experience, including transportation to/from the workshop location, hotel accommodations and meals.

More information about the program, as well as instructions to apply, are available at [thiswaytocpa.com](https://thiswaytocpa.com).

ASLW is one of several programs and resources from the AICPA to help promote diversity and inclusion in the profession. The [Accounting Inclusion Maturity Model](#) is a tool to help organizations assess and measure their diversity and inclusion efforts. The George Willie Scholarship and Internship program offers

students a scholarship and an internship during tax season with one of the AICPA's

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